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**Statement from Milwaukee County Supervisor Marina
Dimitrijevic on Shootings in South Shore Park**

Text from Press Conference Held Earlier Today in South Shore Park

Milwaukee, South Shore Park Pavilion, May 30, 2006-

Good Afternoon, I'd like to first express my sincere condolences to the families of the victims of the tragic event which took place here last night. The past few days have been difficult for the families, our parks patrons, and especially the residents of this neighborhood. I stand here today with our Milwaukee County Parks staff and the local residents of this neighborhood.

Also joining me today is Kathy Mulvey, President of our South Shore Park Watch, which has been actively working to keep this park clean and safe for the past 10 years. I want the residents of this neighborhood to know that this violent event was an isolated and domestic event. It is completely out of the norm, which is why I share the same shock and concern as all of you. The message the neighbors and I would like to convey is that our County Parks are safe, our neighborhood is safe, and we will not let these events deter us from continuing to enjoy our normal summer activities.

I will conclude by expressing my opinion that we as a community need to find a way to break this cycle of gun violence. The Park Watch will continue their work in protecting South Shore Park and this park will remain one of the best and most highly-utilized parks in Milwaukee County. It is home to the South Shore Frolics, one of the county's largest capital improvement projects on the South Shore Bike Trail, the South Shore Farmer's Market, and will be home to a free concert for residents in a few weeks.

Thank you-
Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic

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